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RESOLUTION NO. - 99-35

Whereas, the health of the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary and the diverse ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well being of the entire Bay Area; and

Whereas, much of the Bay Area's economic vitality is supported by the Bay/Delta estuary, including industries such as tourism and recreational and commercial fishing; and

Whereas, the Bay/Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline, manifested by various indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, and due to a variety of devastating impacts, including the diversion of 50 percent of watershed river flows, the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands, and the discharge of 40,000 tons of pollutants into the Bay; and

Whereas, since 1994 the Federal Government and the State of California, in conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an effort to address complex water resource issues of the Bay/Delta ecosystem through a process known as CalFed; and

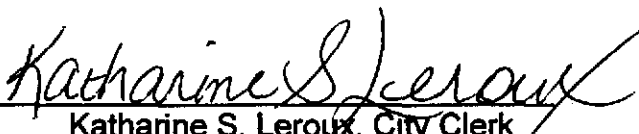
Whereas, the CalFed process provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary during the public comment period for the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the Town of Hillsborough does hereby identify that the following essential elements must be incorporated into future policies and programs undertaken by the CalFed process:

- A guarantee that there will be adequate freshwater flows into the Bay – The San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary's historic freshwater flows have been reduced by half. Science-based standards should be required to establish minimum freshwater flows into the Bay. Adequate freshwater flows will improve water quality, support biological diversity, and improve the health of the Bay/Delta estuary's ecosystems.
- Water conservation by all users – Equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all users throughout California. Managing demand through conservation practices and greater water use efficiency can substantially reduce the need to construct new storage facilities.
- A fair share of funding for Bay Area environmental restoration efforts – The EPA's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), BCDC's San Francisco Bay Plan, and the RWQCB's Bay Basin Plan establish numerous beneficial measures that must be taken to protect and restore habitat and improve

fish and wildlife in the Bay/Delta estuary. Of the most recent funding package, only 5% came to projects in the region. Funding to implement the recommended environmental restoration programs must be brought up to levels that are proportional to budgets for environmental restoration in other parts of the State.

Signed: 
Charles F. Adams, Mayor

Attest: 
Katharine S. Leroux, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of the Town of Hillsborough, California, at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of September 1999, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	<u>Regan, Mullooly, Fannon, Auer, Adams</u>
NOES:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>